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. AT NARITA AIRPORT

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SUMMARY:

IATA (SECGEN HAMMARSKJOLD) AND APPROXIMATELY 30
TECHNICIANS ARE MEETING WITH JCAB OFFICIALS THIS WEEK
FOR BRIEFING ON SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT NARITA. END
SUMMARY.

1. APPROXIMATELY 30 IATA AND AIRLINE SECURITY TECHNICIANS
PLUS IATA SECGEN HAMMARSKJOLD ARRIVED IN TOKYO MAY 7
FOR 3-4 DAYS OF BRIEFINGS BY JCAB AND NTIAA OFFICIALS ON
THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS BEING SET UP AT NARITA AIRPORT
PRIOR TO THE FACILITY'S MAY 20 OPENING. PAN AM IS
HEAVILY REPRESENTED IN TECHNICIANS' GROUP WHICH IS
HEADED BY IATA'S DR. SHAW; NW IS BEING REPRESENTED BY
ITS LOCAL REP, JENKINS. ACCORDING TO NW, NEITHER
CONTINENTAL NOR FLYING TIGER SENT REPRESENTATIVES TO
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OPENING BRIEFING HELD ON MAY 8.

2. PLANNED SCHEDULE INCLUDES MAY 8 BRIEFING BY NTIAA
OFFICIALS, MAY 9 VISIT TO NARITA BY TECHNICIANS' GROUP
BROKEN UP INTO TEAMS, MAY 10 BRIEFING OF HAMMARSKJOLD
BY TECHNICIANS AND MAY 11 WRAP-UP BRIEFING BY JCAB.
IATA TECHNICIANS ARE TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS TO JCAB

MORNING OF MAY 10 FOR REPLY DURING MAY 11 SESSION.
HAMMARSKJOLD MAY ALSO MEET WITH MOT MINISTER FUKUNAGA
ON EITHER MAY 10 OR MAY 12 ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT YET
DEFINITE. HAMMARSKJOLD'S PRESENCE HERE APPEARS LARGELY
POLITICAL AND SYMBOLIC. HE ATTENDED NTIAA BRIEFING MAY 8
AND WILL REPORTEDLY DEAL IN BROAD CONCEPTS AND
GENERALITIES IF HE MEETS WITH THE TRANSPORT MINISTER.

3. MAJOR PROBLEM, ACCORDING TO NW, IS MAKING
SURE THAT MAY 11 BRIEFING WITH JCAB IS A "GIVE AND TAKE"
SESSION OF REAL VALUE TO THE SECURITY TECHNICIANS.
SECONDLY, JCAB PARTICIPANTS MUST BE OF SUFFICIENT RANK
TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY. JAL IS, THROUGH
ITS BEHIND THE SCENES MANUVERING, TRYING TO SECURE
THIS ON BEHALF OF ALL THE CARRIERS.

4. OPENING NTIAA BRIEFING ON MAY 8 WAS, ACCORDING TO
BOTH NW AND PAN AM, VERY "DISAPPOINTING"
IN THAT OFFICIAL MERELY READ OUT SEVERAL FACTS,
MANY ALREADY WELL-KNOWN, ABOUT THE AIRPORT AND WAS
UNPREPARED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, E.G., RE MEASURES
TO COPE WITH POSSIBLE INTERRUPTIONS TO NARITA
FUEL SUPPLY.

5. COMMENT: TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, JCAB DOES NOT
PLAN INCLUDE NATL POLICE AUTHORITY OFFICIAL IN
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MAY 11 BRIEFING, ALTHOUGH SUCH INPUT MIGHT PROVE USEFUL.
EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER FROM BOTH CARRIERS'
AND JCAB'S POINT OF VIEW FOLLOWING CLOSE OF THIS
WEEK'S SESSIONS.

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